



Call from Jim Gates

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Hi Everyone,

As some of you know, I received a call from Jim Gates late this afternoon posing the question that "Should the funding run out, will EPA step in to clean up the mess?" Mr. Gates had been taking to Chuck Hansberry, the attorney for Keller Transport, who informed Mr. Gates that EPA would not be able to step in and help with the cleanup under RCRA and CERCLIS. Mr. Gates is meeting with Bruce Ferguson from Senator Max Baucus's office tomorrow in Montana with I believe, the other homeowners at 9:00. I informed Mr. Gates that this is a question that we are further researching and that it will take time. I also informed him that we are working with EPI to get cost estimates of their proposed plans to better understand what the projected costs may be.

He did begin his discussion again about being told by Keller's Insurance company that the EPA would not allow the company to settle with them because of the cleanup that's required. We've heard this from Mr. Gates on numerous occasions. Do we have any ongoing communications with the insurance company? If so, could we inquire as to why they are telling the homeowners that EPA will not allow them to settle with the homeowners? Or is this in fact true?

I am on my way to Utah tomorrow, flying back Thursday afternoon. I will check email and voicemail when I can. Thanks, Libby

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